

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 423 - SB 1374**

March 3, 2023

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Changes, from 1:3,000 students to 1:750 students, the ratio for funding full-time public school nurse positions from the Tennessee Investment Student Achievement (TISA) funds.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Other Fiscal Impact - For Local Education Agencies (LEAs) that are required to hire additional nurses to meet the staffing ratio, an unknown shift in local expenditures or permissive increase in local expenditures may occur.**

Assumptions:

- The TISA formula generates funds for LEAs based on the students' unique characteristics. There is no salary component in TISA since positions are not generated or funded; therefore, funding for school nurses is included in the base per student amount.
- The proposed legislation would not require a change to the TISA funding formula. If the LEA chooses to staff according to these ratios, it would require a local shift in the use of funds to meet the staffing ratios. This may result in a reduction of other planned expenditures.
- In the 2021-22 school year LEAs employed a total of 2,178 nurses. This number includes both nurses employed by and contracted by the LEAs.
- Assuming an average salary and benefits cost of \$68,939 per position, the estimated state and required local share for existing nurses is \$150,149,142 (\$68,939 x 2,178).
- The proposed legislation would require a minimum of 1,288 additional nurses at a total estimated cost of \$88,793,432 (\$68,939 x 1,288). Some districts currently employ more nurses than are required; others may have to hire additional nurses if they choose to follow the prescribed ratios.
- For LEAs that would be required to hire additional nurses to meet the staffing ratios, a permissive shift in local funding or permissive increase in local expenditures may occur. However, due to the funding structure of TISA, and multiple unknown variables, a precise fiscal impact cannot be reasonably determined.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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